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The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, a copy of the non-U.S. reference of which is attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant submits these references in compliance with his duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

Applicant states that the references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in a counterpart European application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). For the Examiner's use and information, copies of the Supplementary European Search Report ("SESR") and the Communication from the EPO showing that the SESR was mailed on May 29, 2007 are attached. Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS. In the event fees are due to effect consideration of the cited references, the Commissioner may charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP170).

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